

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing information content to a user, comprising the computer-implemented steps:
automatically receiving, from a device carried by a user, an identification of the user in a processing device;
determining using said identification of the user to determine one or more physical limitations of the user regarding receipt and/or interpretation of the information content based on the identification of the user; and
outputting information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~determining one or more physical limitations of the user includes determining a handicap of the user.~~ said using step retrieves designations of the physical limitations from the device carried by the user.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~determining~~ said using step determines one or more physical limitations of the user includes looking up an entry by using said identification of the user to find a profile for the user in a user profile database for the user.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein outputting information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user includes outputting the information content in a format that takes into consideration the physical limitations of the user.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein outputting information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user includes reformatting information content to enhance a portion of the information content.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining one or more physical limitations of the user includes determining if the user has one of hearing loss, loss of sight, diminished hearing, diminished sight, and speaks a foreign language.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a ~~selection of the~~ request for specific information content from the user.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the identification of the user is received from one of a wireless transmitter, ~~an input interface~~, a personal digital assistant, a smartcard, a wireless transmitter, a two-way pager device, a Bluetooth™ enabled device, a wearable computer, and a magnetic stripe card.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information content includes at least one of textual information, graphical information, video information, and audio information.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein outputting information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user includes enhancing one or more of the textual information, graphical information, video information and audio information based on the determined physical limitations of the user.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein if the one or more physical limitations of the user includes diminished sight, the audio information is enhanced.
12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein if the one or more physical limitations of the user includes diminished hearing, one or more of the video information, textual information and graphical information are enhanced.
13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein if the one or more physical limitations of the user includes the user speaking a foreign language, one or more of the video information and the graphical information are enhanced.
14. (Currently amended) ~~An apparatus~~ A system for providing information content to a user, comprising:
 a device, designed to be carried by a user and to automatically provide a signal carrying identification of said user;
 a processor; and

an interface coupled to the processor for receiving said signal from said device, wherein the processor automatically receives, from said device, an identification of the user via the interface, ~~determines~~ uses said identification to determine one or more physical limitations of the user regarding receipt and/or interpretation of the information content ~~based on the identification of the user~~, and outputs information content, via the interface, to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user.

15. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the processor ~~determines one or more physical limitations of the user by determining a handicap of the user.~~ receives designations of the physical limitations from the device carried by the user.

16. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the processor determines one or more physical limitations of the user by ~~looking up an entry using said identification of the user to find a profile in a user profile database for the user.~~

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the processor outputs information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user by outputting the information content in a format that takes into consideration the physical limitations of the user.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the processor outputs information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user by reformatting information content to enhance a portion of the information content.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the processor determines one or more physical limitations of the user by determining if the user has one of hearing loss, loss of sight, diminished hearing, diminished sight, and speaks a foreign language.

20. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the processor receives a ~~selection of the~~ request for specific information content from the user via the interface.

21. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the identification of the user is received from one of a wireless transmitter, ~~an input interface~~, a personal digital

assistant, a smartcard, a wireless transmitter, a two-way pager device, a Bluetooth™ enabled device, a wearable computer, and a magnetic stripe card.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the information content includes at least one of textual information, graphical information, video information, and audio information.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the processor outputs information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user by enhancing one or more of the textual information, graphical information, video information and audio information based on the determined physical limitations of the user.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein if the one or more physical limitations of the user includes diminished sight, the processor enhances the audio information.

25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein if the one or more physical limitations of the user includes diminished hearing, the processor enhances one or more of the video information, textual information and graphical information.

26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein if the one or more physical limitations of the user includes the user speaking a foreign language, the processor enhances one or more of the video information and the graphical information.

27. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing information content to a user, comprising:

first instructions for automatically receiving, from a device carried by the user, an identification of the user;

second instructions for determining using said identification to determine one or more physical limitations of the user regarding receipt and/or interpretation of the information content ~~based on the identification of the user~~; and

third instructions for outputting information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user.

28. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the second instructions for determining one or more physical limitations of the user include ~~instructions for determining a handicap of the user.~~ receiving designations of the physical limitations from the device carried by the user.

29. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the second instructions for determining one or more physical limitations of the user include instructions for ~~looking up an entry~~ using said identification of the user to find a profile for the user in a user profile database for the user.

30. (Original) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the third instructions for outputting information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user include instructions for outputting the information content in a format that takes into consideration the physical limitations of the user.

31. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~claim 1~~ claim 27, wherein the third instructions for outputting information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user include instructions for reformatting information content to enhance a portion of the information content.

32. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~claim 1~~ claim 27, wherein the second instructions for determining one or more physical limitations of the user include instructions for determining if the user has one of hearing loss, loss of sight, diminished hearing, diminished sight, and speaks a foreign language.

33. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~claim 1~~ claim 27, further comprising fourth instructions for receiving a ~~selection of the~~ request for specific information content from the user.

34. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~claim 1~~ claim 27, wherein the identification of the user is received from one of a wireless transmitter, ~~an input~~

~~interface~~, a personal digital assistant, a smartcard, a wireless transmitter, a two-way pager device, a Bluetooth™ enabled device, a wearable computer, and a magnetic stripe card.

35. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~claim 1~~ claim 27, wherein the information content includes at least one of textual information, graphical information, video information, and audio information.

36. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~claim 9~~ claim 35, wherein the third instructions for outputting information content to the user based on the one or more physical limitations of the user include instructions for enhancing one or more of the textual information, graphical information, video information and audio information based on the determined physical limitations of the user.

37. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~claim 10~~ claim 36, wherein if the one or more physical limitations of the user includes diminished sight, the audio information is enhanced.

38. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~claim 10~~ claim 36, wherein if the one or more physical limitations of the user includes diminished hearing, one or more of the video information, textual information and graphical information are enhanced.

39. (Currently amended) The computer program product of ~~claim 10~~ claim 36, wherein if the one or more physical limitations of the user includes the user speaking a foreign language, one or more of the video information and the graphical information are enhanced.